

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 161

Introduced by Assembly Member Strom-Martin

May 20, 1998

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 161—Relative to the George H. Cox Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 161, as introduced, Strom-Martin. George H. Cox Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Bridgeville Bridge, #4-293, on State Highway Route 36, the George H. Cox Memorial Bridge.

The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, George H. Cox was a lifelong resident of
2 Humboldt County and lived in Bridgeville from 1912
3 until his death in 1966; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1917, Mr. Cox purchased his father's
5 general merchandise store, "Henry Cox and Son," along
6 with the surrounding area, approximately 104 acres with
7 buildings, known as the Town of Bridgeville; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox sponsored and promoted
9 Bridgeville community events and activities including

1 roller skating and dances in the upstairs of the livery
2 stables, baseball teams, nine large rodeos, and a movie
3 theater; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox was a compassionate and
5 generous landlord to his tenants who worked at ranching
6 and logging jobs that were seasonal and dependent on the
7 weather and the markets, keeping some rents to only \$5
8 in the late 1940's and the 1950's; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox also loaned equipment to anyone
10 who needed it and sent goods out on request and waited
11 for payment; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cox served as the Bridgeville
13 postmaster for many years and helped numerous
14 residents by writing letters, checks, money orders, and
15 whatever else was required; and

16 WHEREAS, From 1919 until his ill health and
17 retirement in the early 1960's, Mr. Cox supplied the local
18 office of the United States Weather Bureau with highway
19 conditions in the area, rain measurements, and Van
20 Duzen River levels; and

21 WHEREAS, From 1912, when he first arrived in
22 Bridgeville, until his death in 1966, Mr. Cox in some way
23 touched the lives of every person who lived in the
24 Bridgeville area; and

25 WHEREAS, There are many people today who still
26 remember him with great fondness; and

27 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many contributions to
28 the people and to the Town of Bridgeville, it is
29 appropriate to designate, in the memory of Mr. Cox, the
30 Bridgeville Bridge, #4-293, on State Highway Route 36,
31 which spans the Van Duzen River at Bridgeville; now,
32 therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
34 *Senate thereof concurring, That the Bridgeville Bridge,*
35 *#4-293, on State Highway Route 36 is hereby officially*
36 *designated the George H. Cox Memorial Bridge; and*

37 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is*
38 *requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques*
39 *and markers, consistent with the signing requirements*
40 *for the state highway system, showing this special*

1 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
2 sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and
3 markers; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
5 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of
6 Transportation.

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